Wednesday 3rd September

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to inform you that during next week, 8th-12th September, base line testing will be carried out in English and Maths lessons.

There is no revision required for these tests as they will be used to inform staff of each student’s current level within the Key Stage 3 curriculum. Please note the results of these tests will not be fed back formally to parents as they are for internal planning purposes only.

All tests are between 1 hour and 1 hour 15 minutes long.

A brief outline of tests to be taken is as follows:

* English Paper 1 – Reading Paper English Paper 2 – Writing
* Maths Paper 1 – Non Calculator Maths Paper 2 – Calculator

All students will need to have a calculator for the Maths Paper 2, for the purpose of this test any calculator is sufficient. However students will be expected to have a scientific calculator for maths lessons and so this is an appropriate time to purchase one. The school recommended calculator is the **Casio fx-83GT PLUS** as this calculator will last them up until university level. It is available for £6 through the school reception, however please feel free to purchase from elsewhere if preferred. If you would like to purchase one through school please complete the attached form, place in an envelope with the payment and take to the school office where they will supply you with your calculator (cheques are to be made payable to Nottingham Free School). If your child is entitled to Free School meals\* they will be charged a reduced amount of £2.

Could all students also ensure they have a reading book available everyday next week for when they have completed a test to avoid wasted time.

The baseline test results, along with Key Stage 2 SATs data will be used to reshuffle some of the teaching groups to ensure that students are placed in the correct group for their ability level. We will communicate any changes to students and parents/carers towards the end of September.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs R.Farnie Mr P. Cleveley

Maths Teacher English Teacher

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I enclose payment of £6 for the purchase of a **Casio fx-83GT PLUS** calculator. 🞎

My child is in receipt of free school meals\* and I enclose payment of £2 🞎

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

\*If you are not sure whether your child is entitled to free school meals then please contact school reception or visit

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/article/22028/Free-school-meals-and-free-milk>

You will need to apply formally to the city council for this provision.